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In the Claims:

please cancel, or verify to have been canceled, claims 2, 22-62, 64, 95 and 98-106.

Please amend claims 1, 7, 8, 11, 63 and 65 to read as follows:

1.(Twice Amended): A compound having the formula I:

$$Q_1$$
 Q_2
 Q_3
 R_1
 I

wherein:

Q₁is CR₃;

Q2 is CR4;

Q3 is <u>CH</u> CR20;

 Q_4 is N;

 R_1 is H_{\bullet} -alkyl, arylalkyl, heteroaryl; heteroarylalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, arylsulfonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, alkoxyalkoxyalkyl, alkyl-S-R₇, alkyl-NH-C(=O)-R₈ or -R₀-X-R₁₀-R₁₁)H;

wherein each of the alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl,

heterocycloalkyl, arylsulfonyl, aryloxycarbonyl and alkoxyalkoxyalkyl moieties in each of the foregoing R₁ groups can be optionally substituted with up to 5 groups independently selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₆ alkyl, OH, hydroxyalkyl, -C(=O)-R₅; CN, aryl, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylaryl, arylalkyl, heteroaryl, S-heteroaryl optionally substituted with halogen, heterocycloalkyl optionally substituted with halogen, heterocycloalkyl optionally substituted with amino, NO₂, halogen, monohaloalkyl, dihaloalkyl, trihaloalkyl, perhaloalkylaryl, alkyl-NR₁₅R₁₆ and NR₁₅R₁₆;

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or one of said alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl heteroaryl, heteroarylaikyl, heterocycloalkyl, arylsulfonyl, aryloxycarbonyl or alkoxyalkoxyalkyl moieties of one of said R₁ groups can be attached to a structure of Formula I at position R₁ thereof;

R₃ and R₄ are independently each H, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, trihaloalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, alkoxy, NR15R16, and NO2, wherein said C1-C6 alkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, and alkoxy groups can each be optionally substituted with $NR_{15}R_{16}$;

R₅ is H, -NHNHR₆, -NHN=CH-R₆, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, wherein said hereteroaryl group can be optionally substituted with an aryl or heteroaryl group,

 R_6 is aryl, heteroaryl; arylsulfonyl, heteroarylsulfonyl, -C(=S)-NH-aryl, -C(=S)-NH-arylcarbonyl, -C(=S)-NH-heteroarylcarbonyl, -C(=S)-NH-alkylene-R21, -C(=O)-NHaryl, -C(=O)-NH-arylcarbonyl, -C(=O)-NH-heteroarylcarbonyl, or -C(=O)-NH-alkylene- R_{21} where R_{21} is carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, arylaminocarbonyl, cycloalkylaminocarbonyl, or a saturated hydrocarbon fused ring system optionally having an aryl ring fused thereto, said ring system being optionally substituted with up to three alkyl groups on the alkyl or aryl rings thereof;

wherein any of said R6 groups can be optionally substituted with up to 3 groups selected from NR15R16, alkyl, hydroxy, halogen, aryl, alkoxy, trihaloalkoxy, arylalkyloxy, NO2, -SH, -S-alkyl, heteroarylcarbonyl, heteroaryl, alkylheteroaryl, or a moiety of formula -OC2CH2-O- attached to adjacent atoms of said R6 group; R7 is heteroaryl or heterocycloalkyl;

R₈ is aryl;

R₉ and R₁₀ are each independently alkylene having from 1 to about 20 carbons;

 $X is -N(R_{12})$ -, -C(R₁₃)(R₁₄)- or O;

R11 is H, heterocycloaryl, or alkoxy, wherein said heterocycloaryl, or alkoxy group can be optionally substituted with up to four groups independently selected from halogen, amino, trihaloalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, and CN;

 R_{17} is H or C_1 - C_6 alkyl; and

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 R_{13} and R_{14} are each independently H or $C_1\text{-}C_6$ alkyl,

 R_{15} is H, halogen, C_{1-12} alkyl, methylcarbonyl, heterocycloalkyl, arylsulfonyl, heteroarylalkyl, aminoalkyl, arylcarbonyl, branched and straight chain polyaminoalkyl, or a group of formula $CH_2(CHOH)_4CH_2OH$,

wherein said methylcarbonyl, heterocycloalkyl, arylsulfonyl, heteroarylalkyl, aminoalkyl, arylcarbonyl, and branched and straight chain polyaminoalkyl groups can be substituted by up to 3 OH groups;

R₁₆ is H, halogen, or C₁-C₆ alkyl;

or R_{15} and R_{16} together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached can form a succinimido or phthalimido group or a fused ring derivative thereof, wherein said succinimido or phthalimido group or fused ring derivative thereof can be optionally substituted by up to three substituents independently selected from NO_2 and halogen, or a group of Formula I at position R_1 threreof;

or R₁₅ and R₁₆ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached can form a group of Formula I wherein said nitrogen atom is Q4 thereof; provided that when R₃ and R₄ are H, R₁ is not:

<u>II.</u> methyl, CH2 C(=0)-O A-where A is a cyclopentacycloocton-8 yl etser, 1 (1-methylcyclophetyl)piperidin-4 yl, 1-(1-phenylcyclophetyl)piperidin-4 yl, or ethoxyethyl.

2. (Canceled):

- 3. (Previously amended): The compound of claim 1 wherein R₃ and R₄ are each independently halogen, amino, NO₂, CN, C₁₋₆ alkoxy or C₁₋₆ alkyl optionally substituted with up to 3 halogen atoms.
- 4. (Previously amended): The compound of claim 1 wherein R₃ and R₄ are each independently halogen, amino, or NO₂.

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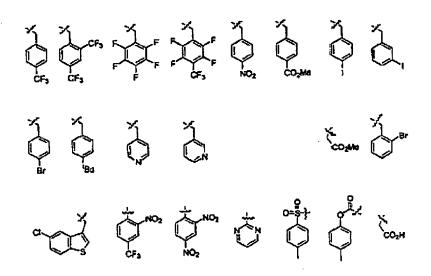
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- 5. (Previously amended): The compound of claim 1 wherein R_3 and R_4 are each independently halogen.
- 6. (Previously amended): The compound of claim 1 wherein R₃ and R₄ are each chlorine.
- 7. (Currently amended): The compound of claim 1 wherein R₁ is alkyl, alkyl substituted with alkoxycarbonyl, alkyl substituted with carboxy, or aralkyl where said aryl portion of said aralkyl is phenyl, pyridinyl, or pyrimidinyl, and where said phenyl, pyridinyl, or pyrimidinyl portion of said arylalkyl group is optionally substituted with up to 5 substituents selected from halogen, monohaloalkyl, dihaloalkyl, trihaloalkyl, NO₂, alkoxycarbonyl, and alkyl.
- 8. (Currently amended): The compound of claim 6 wherein R₁ is alkyl, alkyl substituted with alkoxycarbonyl, alkyl substituted with carboxy, or aralkyl where said aryl portion of said aralkyl is phenyl, pyridinyl, or pyrimidinyl, and where said phenyl, pyridinyl, or pyrimidinyl portion of said arylalkyl group is optionally substituted with up to 5 substituents selected from halogen, monohaloalkyl, dihaloalkyl, trihaloalkyl, NO₂, alkoxycarbonyl, and alkyl.
- 9. (Original): The compound of claim 7 wherein said phenyl, pyridinyl, or pyrimidinyl portion of said arylalkyl group is optionally substituted with up to 5 substituents selected from CF₃, F, Cl, NO₂, COOCH₃, I, Br, and t-butyl.
- 10. (Original): The compound of claim 8 wherein said phenyl, pyridinyl, or pyrimidinyl portion of said arylalkyl group is optionally substituted with up to 5 substituents selected from CF₃, F, Cl, NO₂, COOCH₃, I, Br, and t-butyl.

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11. (Currently Amended): The compound of claim 1 wherein said R_1 is selected from the radicals consisting of:



- 12. (Previously amended): The compound of claim 1 wherein R_1 is alkyl substituted with $C(=0)-R_5$.
- 13. (Original): The compound of claim 12 wherein R5 is -NHNHR6, or -NHN=CH-R6.
- 14. (Original): The compound of claim 13 wherein R₅ is -NHNHR₆.
- 15. (Original): The compound of claim 13 wherein R₅ is -NHN=CH-R₆.
- 16. (Original): The compound of claim 14 wherein R₆ is -C(=O)-NH-aryl, -C(=O)-NHcycloalkyl,-C(=S)-NH-aryl, arylsulfonyl, heteroarylsulfonyl, heterocycloalkyl, arylaminocarbonyl, cycloalkylaminocarbonyl, -C(=S)-NH-alkylene-R₂₁ where R₂₁ is heteroaryl or heterocycloaryl, or a saturated hydrocarbon fused ring system optionally

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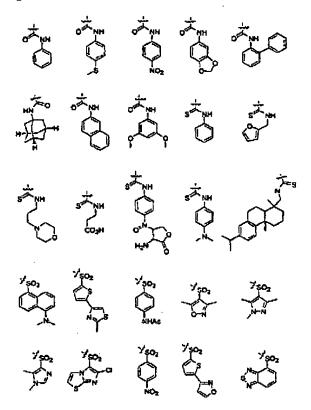
having an aryl ring fused thereto, said ring system being optionally substituted with up to three alkyl groups on the alkyl or aryl rings thereof, wherein any of said R_6 groups can be optionally substituted with up to 3 groups selected from NR₁₅R₁₆, NO₂, a moiety of formula -OC₂CH₂-O- attached to adjacent atoms of said R_6 group, aryl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, carboxy, or C_{1-6} trihaloalkoxy.

17. (Original): The compound of claim 15 wherein R₆ is aryl or heteroaryl optionally substituted with up to 3 groups selected from OH, C1-6 alkoxy, NO2, C1-6 trihaloalkoxy, C1-6 trihaloalkyl, aryl, arylalkyloxy, and a moiety of formula -OC2CH2-O- attached to adjacent atoms of said R6 group.

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18. (Previously amended): The compound of claim 14 wherein said R₆ is any of the radicals from the group consisting of:



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19. (Previously amended): The compound of claim 15 wherein said R₆ is any of the radicals of the group consisting of:

- 20. (Original): The compound of claim 6 wherein R_1 has the formula - $(CH_2)_q$ - L_4 where q is 0 to 6 and L_4 is aryl, heteroaryl or heterocycloalkyl, arylsulfonamino, arylcarboxyamino or -S-heteroaryl, where each of said L_4 is optionally substituted with up to three substituents selected from halogen and $N0_2$.
- 21. (Original): The compound of claim 20 wherein said L₄ is N-maleimidyl, Nsuccinimidyl, N-phthalimidyl, N-naphthalimidyl, N-pyromellitic diimidyl,

phenylsulfonamidyl, phenylcarboxamidyl, N-benzopyrrolidinyl, benzimidazol-l-yl, benzimidazol-2-yl, 1,2,4-triazolyl-4-yl, or purinyl, each of said L₄ groups being optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents selected from halogen, trihaloalkyl, trihaloalkoxy and NO₂.

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Claims 22-62. (Canceled)

63. (Twice amended): A compound of formula:

$$R_{53}$$
 N_{15}
 N_{15}
 N_{15}
 N_{15}
 N_{15}

wherein;

 R_{52} and R_{53} are each independently selected from H, halogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, trihaloalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, alkoxy, NR₁₆R₁₆ wherein said-C₄ C₆ alkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, and alkoxy groups can each be optionally substituted with NR 15R16; R45 is H, halogen, C4-12 alkyl, methylcarbonyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryksulfonyl, heteroarylalkyl, aminoalkyl, arylearbonyl, branched and straight chain polyaminoalkyl, or a group of formula CH2(CHOH)2CH2OH; wherein said methylcarbonyl, heterocycloalkyl, arylsulfonyl, heteroarylalkyl, aminoalkyl, arylcarbonyl, and branched and straight chain polyaminoalkyl groups can be substituted by up to 3 OH groups;

R16 is H, halogen, or C1-C6 alkyl, but R16 R15;

or R'_{15} and R'_{16} together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached can form a succinimido or phthalimido group or a fused ring derivative thereof, wherein

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said succinimido or phthalimido group or fused ring derivative thereof can be optionally substituted by up to three substituents independently selected from NO2 and halogen; and z islto 6.

- 64. (canceled): The compound of claim 63 wherein R₁₅ or R₁₆ is methyl.
- 65. (Currently Amended): The compound of claim 63 64 wherein z is 2 or 3.
- 66. (Original): The compound of claim 65 wherein R₅₂ and R₅₃ are each independently H, C_{1-6} alkyl, alkoxy optionally substituted with dialkylamino, or alkylamino.
- 67. (Original): The compound of claim 66 wherein R_{52} is H.
- 68. (Original): The compound of claim 67 wherein R₅₃ is methyl, methoxy, alkoxy optionally substituted with dialkylamino, or alkylamino.
- 69. (Original): The compound of claim 67 wherein R₅₃ is OCH₃ or O(CH₂)₃N(CH₃)₂.
- 70. (Original): The compound of claim 66 wherein R_{53} is H.
- 71. (Original): The compound of claim 70 wherein R₅₂ is methyl, methoxy, alkoxy optionally substituted with dialkylamino, or alkylamino.
- 72. (Original): The compound of claim 70 wherein R₅₂ is OCH₃ or O(CH₂)₃N(CH₃)₂.
- 73. (previously amended): A compound of Formula:

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$$R_3$$
 R_{2a}
 R_{30}

wherein:

 R_{2a} is amino, mono- or bicyclic heterocycloalkyl having 1 or 2 ring nitrogen atoms, mono- or bicyclic heteroaryl having 1 or 2 ring nitrogen atoms, cycloalkyl, halogen, heterocycloalkylalkyl (i .e., alkyl sub w' heterocycloalkyl) having 1 or 2 ring nitrogen atoms, mono- or bicyclic heterocycloalkylamino having 1 or 2 ring nitrogen atoms or a group of formula -S-alkylene- L_1 where L_1 is mono- or bicyclic-heteroaryl having 1 or 2 ring nitrogen atoms;

wherein each of said amino, phenyl, heterocycloalkyl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkylalkyl, or heterocycloalkylamino groups can be optionally substituted with a group selected from amino, OH, C₁-C₁₂ alkyl, a structure of formula -C(=O)CH(NH₂)-L₂ where L₂ is the side chain of a naturally occurring alpha amino acid, -C(NH₂)=NH, C₁-C₁₂ alkylcarbonyl, mono- or bicyclic heteroaryl having I or 2 ring nitrogen atoms, mono- or bicyclic heteroarylalkyl having 1 or 2 ring nitrogen atoms, or S-alkyl-heteroaryl where said heteroaryl is mono- or bicyclic having 1 or 2 ring nitrogen atoms; and

 R_3 and R_4 are each independently hydrogen, halogen, amino, NO₂, CN, C₁₋₆ alkoxy or C₁₋₆ alkyl optionally substituted with up to 3 halogen atoms;

 R_{30} is H, aryl, heteroarylalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, arylsulfonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, alkoxyalkoxyalkyl, alkyl-S-R₇, alkyl-NH-C(=O)-R₃ or -R₉-X-R₁₀R₁₁)H;

wherein each of the alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, arylsulfonyl, aryloxycarbonyl and alkoxyalkoxyalkyl moieties in each of the foregoing R groups can be optionally substituted with up to 3 groups independently

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selected from the group consisting of C1-C6 alkyl, OH, hydroxyalkyl, -C(=O)-R5, CN, aryl, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylaryl, arylalkyl, heteroaryl, S-heteroaryl optionally substituted with halogen, heteroarylalkyl optionally substituted with halogen, heterocycloalkyl optionally substituted with amino, NO2, halogen, monohaloalkyl, dihaloalkyl, trihaloalkyl, perhaloaryl, perhaloalkylaryl, alkyl-NR $_{15}$ R $_{16}$ and NR $_{15}$ R $_{16}$;

or one of said alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, arylsulfonyl, aryloxycarbonyl or alkoxyalkoxyalkyl moieties of one of said R₁ groups can be attached to a structure of Formula I at position R₁ thereof;

R₅ is H, -NHNHR₆, -NHN=CH-R₆, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, wherein said hereteroaryl group can be optionally substituted with an aryl or heteroaryl group,

 R_6 is aryl, heteroaryl, arylsulfonyl, heteroarylsulfonyl, -C(=S)-NH-aryl, -C(=S)-NH-arylcarbonyl, -C(=S)-NH-heteroarylcarbonyl, -C(=S)-NH-alkylene- R_{21} , -C(=O)-NH-aryl, -C(=O)-NH-arylcarbonyl, -C(=O)-NH-heteroarylcarbonyl, or -C(=O)-NH-alkylene-R21 where R21 is carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, arylaminocarbonyl, cycloalkylaminocarbonyl, or a saturated hydrocarbon fused ring system optionally having an aryl ring fused thereto, said ring system being optionally substituted with up to three alkyl groups on the alkyl or aryl rings thereof;

wherein any of said R6 groups can be optionally substituted with up to 3 groups selected from NR₁₅R₁₆, alkyl, hydroxy, halogen, aryl, alkoxy, trihaloalkoxy, arylaikyloxy, NO2, -SH, -S-alkyl, heteroarylcarbonyl, heteroaryl, alkylheteroaryl, or a moiety of formula -OC2CH2-O- attached to adjacent atoms of said R6 group;

R7 is heteroaryl or heterocycloalkyl;

R₈ is aryl;

R₉ and R₁₀ are each independently alkylene having from 1 to about 20 carbons;

 $X \text{ is } N(R_{12})$ -, - $C(R_{13})(R_{14})$ - or O;

R11 is H, heterocycloaryl or alkoxy, wherein said heterocycloaryl or alkoxy group can be optionally substituted with up to four groups independently selected from halogen, amino, trihaloalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, and CN;

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R₁₂ is H or C₁-C₆ alkyl; and

 R_{13} and R_{14} are each independently H or C_1 - C_6 alkyl;

R₁₅ is H, halogen, C₁₋₁₂ alkyl, methylcarbonyl, heterocycloalkyl, arylcarbonyl, heterocycloalkyl, aminoalkyl, arylcarbonyl, branched and straight chain polyaminoalkyl, or a group of formula CH₂(CHOH)₄CH₂OH, wherein said methylcarbonyl, heterocycloalkyl, arylsulfonyl, heterocycloalkyl, arylsulfonyl, heterocycloalkyl, arylsulfonyl, arylcarbonyl, and branched and straight chain polyaminoalkyl groups can be substituted by up to 3 OH groups;

R₁₆ is H, halogen, or C₁-C₆ alkyl;

or R_{15} and R_{16} together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached can form a succinimido or phthalimido group or a fused ring derivative thereof, wherein said succinimido or phthalimido group or fused ring derivative thereof can be optionally substituted by up to three substituents independently selected from NO_2 and halogen, or a group of Formula I at position R_1 threreof;

or R_{15} and R_{16} together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached can form a group of Formula I wherein said nitrogen atom is Q_4 thereof.

- 74. (Original): The compound of claim 73 wherein R₃ and R₄ are each halogen.
- 75. (Original): The compound of claim 73 wherein R₃ and R₄ are each chlorine.
- 76. (Previously amended): The compound of claim 73 wherein R_{2a} is amino, Cl, monocyclic heterocycloalkyl having 1 or 2 ring nitrogen atoms, monocyclic heteroaryl having 1 ring nitrogen atom, cyclopenyl, cyclohexyl, heterocycloalkyl-methyl, piperidine-4-yl amino or a group of formula -S-(C₂₄ alkylene)-N-phthalimido; wherein each of said heterocycloalkyl heteroaryl, cyclopenyl, cyclopenyl, heterocycloalkyl-methyl, and piperidine-4-yl amino groups can be optionally substituted with a group selected- from NH₂, OH, CH₃, COOCH₃, a structure of formula -

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 $C(=O)CH(NH_2)-L_2$ where L_2 is a serine or threonine side chain, $-C(NH_2)=NH$, benzimidazolyl, or benzimidazolemethylyl.

77. (Previously amended): The compound of claim 75 wherein R_{2a} is amino, Cl, monocyclic heterocycloalkyl having 1 or 2 ring nitrogen atoms, monocyclic heteroaryl having 1 ring nitrogen atom, cyclopenyl, cyclohexyl, heterocycloalkyl-methyl, piperidine-4-yl amino or a group of formula -S-(C24 alkylene)-N-phthalimido;

wherein each of said phenyl, heterocycloalkyl heteroaryl, cyclopenyl, cyclohexyl, heterocycloalkyl-methyl, and piperidine-4-yl amino groups can be optionally substituted with a group selected from NH2, OH, CH3, COOCH3, a structure of formula - $C(=O)CH(NH_2)-L_2$ where L_2 is a serine or threonine side chain, $-C(NH_2)=NH$, benzimidazole, or benzimidazolemethyl.

- 78. (Previously amended): The compound of claim 73 wherein R_{2a} is amino, Cl, piperidinyl, pyridinyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, -CH2-piperazinyl, piperidine-4-ylamino or S-alkyl-phthalyl, wherein said piperidinyl, pyridinyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, -CH2-piperazinyl, or S-alkyl-phthalyl groups can be optionally substituted with a group selected from NH₂, methylcarbonyl, -C(=0)CH(NH₂)-CH₂OH, methyl, OH, -C(NH₂)=NH, OH, benzimidazole-2-yl, and -CH₂-benzimidazole-2-yl.
- 79. (Previously amended): The compound of claim 75 wherein R_{2a} is amino, Cl, piperidinyl, pyridinyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, -CH2-piperazinyl, piperidine-4-ylamino or S-alkyl-phthalyl, wherein said piperidinyl, pyridinyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, -CH,-piperazinyl, or S-alkyl-phthalyl groups can be optionally substituted with a group selected from NH2, methylcarbonyl, -C(=O)CH(NH2)-CH₂OH, methyl, OH, -C(NH₂)=NH, OH, benzimidazole-2-yl, and -CH₂ enzimidazole-2-yl.
- 80. (Previously amended): The compound of claim 73 wherein R_{2a} is amino, Cl, pyridin-4-yl,

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substituted with amino, cyclopentyl substituted with amino, cyclohexyl optionally substituted with amino, pyrrolidin-2-yl optionally substituted by hydroxy, piperazin-l-yl optionally substituted at the 4-yl position by benzimidazole-2-yl, piperazin-l-yl-methyl optionally substituted at the 4-yl position by -CH₂-benzimidazole-2-yl, piperidine-4-ylamino, piperidin-1-yl substituted by amino, S-alkyl-phthalyl, or said R₂ is piperidin-4-yl optionally substituted at the 1-yl position with -C(=O)CH₃, -C(=O)CH(NH₂)-CH₂OH, -C(NH₂)=NH, or CH₃.

- 81. (Previously amended): The compound of claim 75 wherein R_{2a} is amino, Cl, pyridin-4-yl, substituted with amino, cyclopentyl substituted with amino, cyclohexyl optionally substituted with amino, pyrrolidin-2-yl optionally substituted by hydroxy, piperdin-1-yl optionally substituted at the 4-yl position by benzimidazole-2-yl, piperazin-1-yl-methyl optionally substituted at the 4-yl position by -CH₂-benzimidazole-2-yl, piperidine-4-ylamino, piperidin-1-yl substituted by amino, S-alkyl-phthalyl, or said R₂ is piperidin-4-yl optionally substituted at the 1-yl position with -C(=O)CH₃, -C(=O)CH(NH₂)-CH₂OH, -C(NH₂)=NH, or CH₃.
- 82. (Original): The compound of claim 73 wherein R_{2a} is amino, piperidin-4-yl-amino, piperiazine-1-yl optionally substituted with benzimidazole-2-yl, pyridin-4-yl, piperidin-4-yl optionally substituted at the 1-yl position with -C(=O)CH₃, -C(=O)CH(NH₂)-CH₂OH, -C(NH₂)=NH, or CH₃, 4-amino-piperdin-1-yl, 3-amino-phen-1-yl, 3-amino-cyclopent-1-yl, cyclohexyl optionally substituted at the 3-yl or 4-yl position with NH₂, 4-hydroxypyrrolidin-2-yl, piperazin-1-yl-methyl, 4-(benzimidazole-2-yl-methyl)piperazin-lyl-methyl, or S-alkyl-phthalyl where said alkyl has from 2 to 4 carbons.
- 83. (Original): The compound of claim 73 wherein R_{2a} is piperidin-4-yl optionally substituted at the 1-yl position with -C(=O)CH₃, -C(=O)CH(NH₂)-CH₂OH, -C(NH₂)=NH, or CH₃.

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- 84. (Original): The compound of claim 75 wherein R_{2a} is piperidin-4-yl optionally substituted at the 1-yl position with $-C(=O)CH_3$, $-C(=O)CH(NH_2)-CH_2OH$, $-C(NH_2)=NH$, or CH_3 .
- 85. (Original): The compound of claim 73 wherein R_{2a} is piperidin-4-yl.
- 86. (Original): The compound of claim 75 wherein R_{2a} is piperidin-4-yl.
- 87. (Original): The compound of claim 73 wherein R_{2a} is NH_2 .
- 88. (Original): The compound of claim 75 wherein R₂₃ is NH₂.
- 89. (Original): The compound of claim 86 wherein R₃₀ is alkyl substituted with -C(=O)-R₅.
- 90. (Original): The compound of claim 89 wherein R₅ is -NHNHR₆, or -NHN=CH-R₆.
- 91. (Original): The compound of claim 90 wherein R₅ is -NHNHR₆.
- 92. (Original): The compound of claim 90 wherein R₅ is -NHN=CH-R₆.
- 93. (Original): The compound of claim 91 wherein R₆ is -C(=O)-NH-aryl, -C(=O)-NH-cycloalkyl, -C(=S)-NH-aryl, arylsulfonyl, heteroarylsulfonyl, heterocycloalkyl, arylaminocarbonyl, cycloalkylaminocarbonyl, -C(=S)-NH-alkylene-R₂₁ where R₂₁ is heteroaryl or heterocycloaryl, or a saturated hydrocarbon fused ring system optionally having an aryl ring fused thereto, said ring system being optionally substituted with up to three alkyl groups on the alkyl or aryl rings thereof;

wherein any of said R₆ groups can be optionally substituted with up to 3 groups selected from NR₁₅R₁₆, NO₂, a moiety of formula -OC₂CH₂-O- attached to adjacent atoms

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of said R_6 group, aryl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, carboxy, or C_{1-6} trihaloalkoxy.

94. (Original): The compound of claim 92 wherein R_6 is anyl or heteroaryl optionally substituted with up to 3 groups selected from OH, C1-6 alkoxy, NO2, C1-6 trihaloalkoxy, C1-6 trihaloalkyl, aryl, arylalkyloxy, and a moiety of formula -OC2CH2O- attached to adjacent atoms of said R6 group.

95. (Cancelled).

96. (Original): The compound of claim 86 wherein R_{30} has the formula -(CH₂)_q-L₄ where q is 0 to 6 and L4 is aryl, heteroaryl or heterocycloalkyl, arylsulfonamino, arylcarboxyamino or -S-heteroaryl, where each of said L4 is optionally substituted with up to three substituents selected from halogen and NO2.

97. (Original): The compound of claim 96 wherein said L4 is maleimido, succinimido, phthalimido, naphthalimido, pyromellitic diimido, phenylsulfonamido, phenylcarboxamido, benzopyrrolidine, benzimidazole, triazole, or -S-benzimidazole.

Claims 98-106 (Canceled)